Amendments to the Drawings

Please replace Figures 1-6 with the attached drawing figures, on five replacement sheets. The drawing changes are discussed in the Remarks section below.

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FIG. 1
(Prior Art)

FIG. 6

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                 100              600

Scan item        102        Scan item        602
(Image)                     (Image)

Image            104        Image            | Adjust      | 628
Enhancement                 Enhancement       | Parameters |
                       604
Address          106        Address          | Adjust      |
Block Locator               Block Locator     | Parameters |
                       606                                   630

                                    614

Segmentation     108        608   Segmentation | Adjust     | 632
                                                | Parameters|

Feature          110   114  610   Feature      | Adjust     | 634
Extraction                        Extraction    | Parameters|
                            Low
                       Low  confidence
Character       confidence  612   Character     | Adjust     | 636
Selection        112              Selection      | Parameters|
(and confidences)                 (and confidences)
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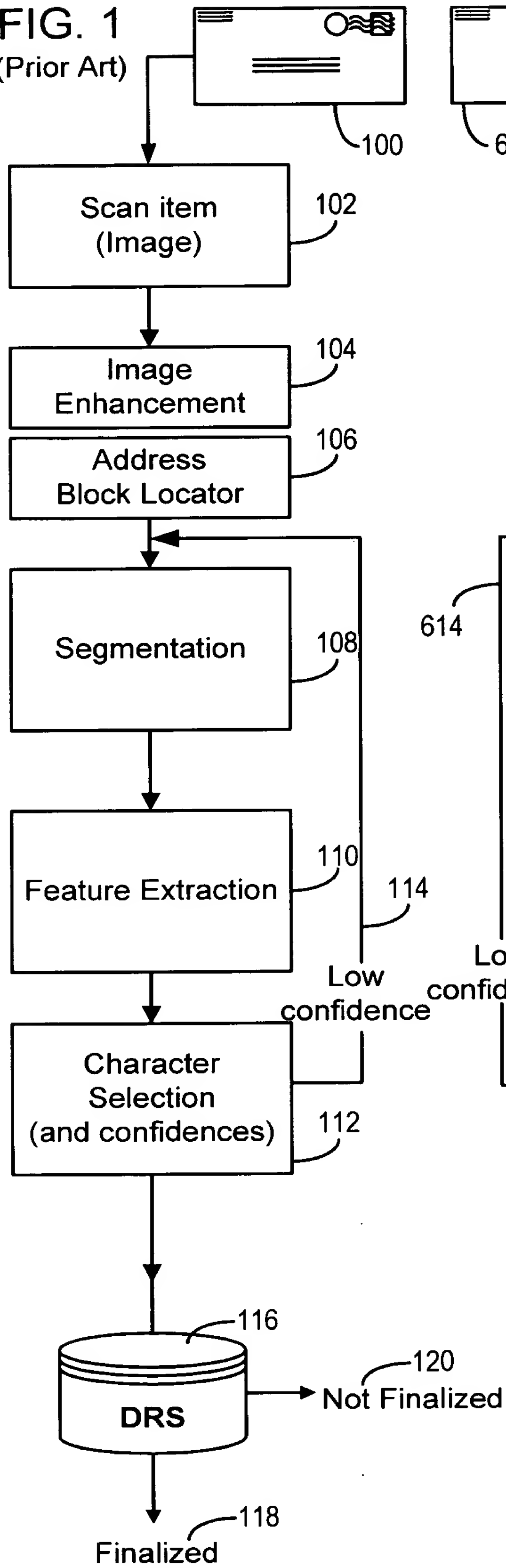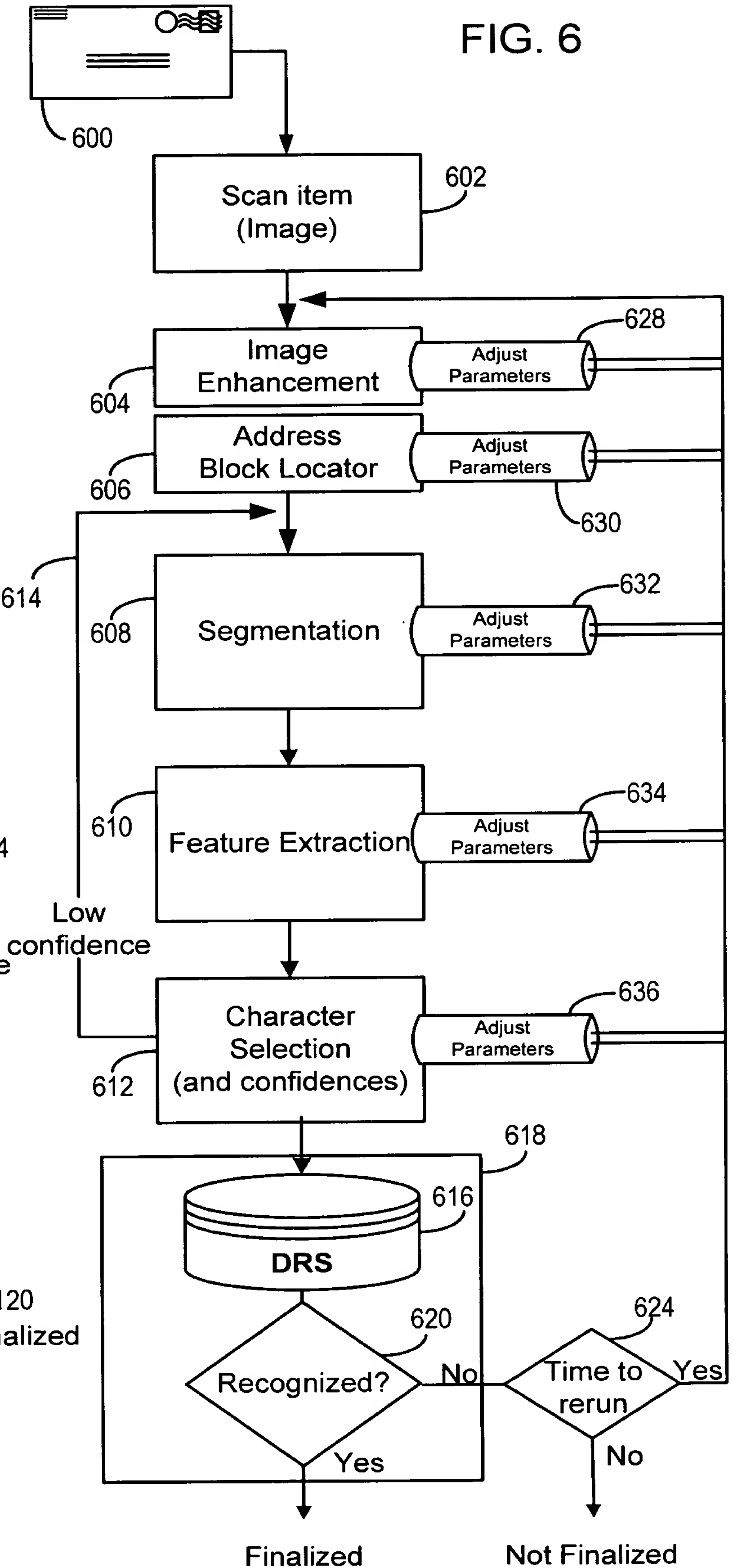
Low confidence

DRS — 116

— 120 Not Finalized

— 118 Finalized

618
DRS — 616

Recognized? — 620   No   Time to rerun — 624   Yes

Yes   No

Finalized   Not Finalized

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FIG. 2 – Demonstrating orthogonality of multiple iteration configurations for character recognition

Boundary of the set of all character recognition input to be run (200)

Boundary of the set of all input readable by iteration configuration "A" (202)

The set of all input readable by iteration configuration "A", but not by "B" or "C" (216)

The set of "easy" input readable by all three iteration configurations (208)

Boundary of the set of all input readable by iteration configuration "B" (204)

Set of all input readable by iteration configurations "A" and "C", but not by "B" (218)

The set of all input readable by iteration configurations "A" and "B" but not "C" (220)

The set of all input readable by iteration configuration "C", but not by "B" or "A" (210)

Boundary of the set of all input readable by iteration configuration "C" (206)

The set of all input readable by iteration configurations "B" or "C", but not by "A" (212)
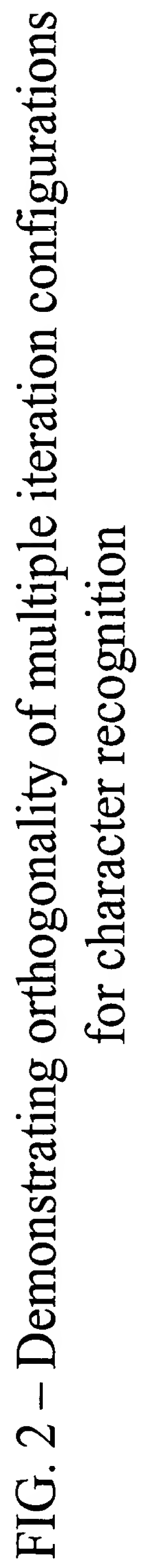
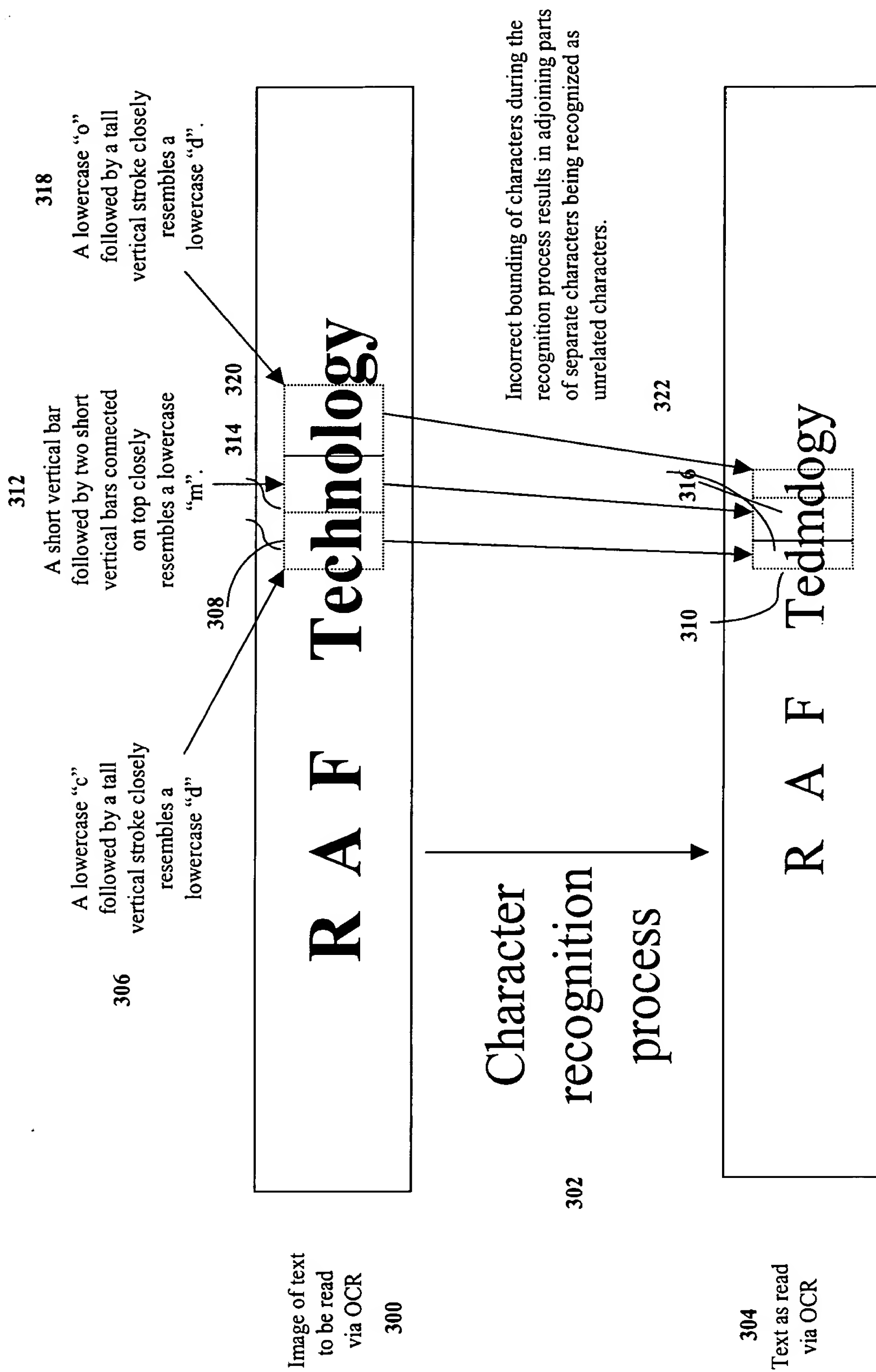The set of all input readable by iteration configuration "B", but not by "A" or "C" (214)

FIG. 3 – Demonstrating problems caused in character recognition results by splitting and joining of characters

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Input to be captured
and read via
character recognition

(400)

MR BAKER

CR
processing

Proposed Result String #1 – "MR BAICER" (402)

2a

93%	R	95%	sp	94%	B	93%	A	97%	I	93%	C	93%	E	93%	R	99%
47%	K	17%			3	42%			1	93%			F	51%	K	23%
10%	F									I	93%					F	8%
										i	66%						

3a

"SP" = "space"

Proposed Result String #2 – "MR3AKER" (404)

2b

1a

M	93%	R	95%	3	93%	A	97%	K	94%	E	93%	R	99%
N	47%	K	17%	B	42%			R	82%	F	46%	K	23%
		F	10%											F	8%

3b

Proposed Result String #3 – "MR BAKEF" (406)

1a

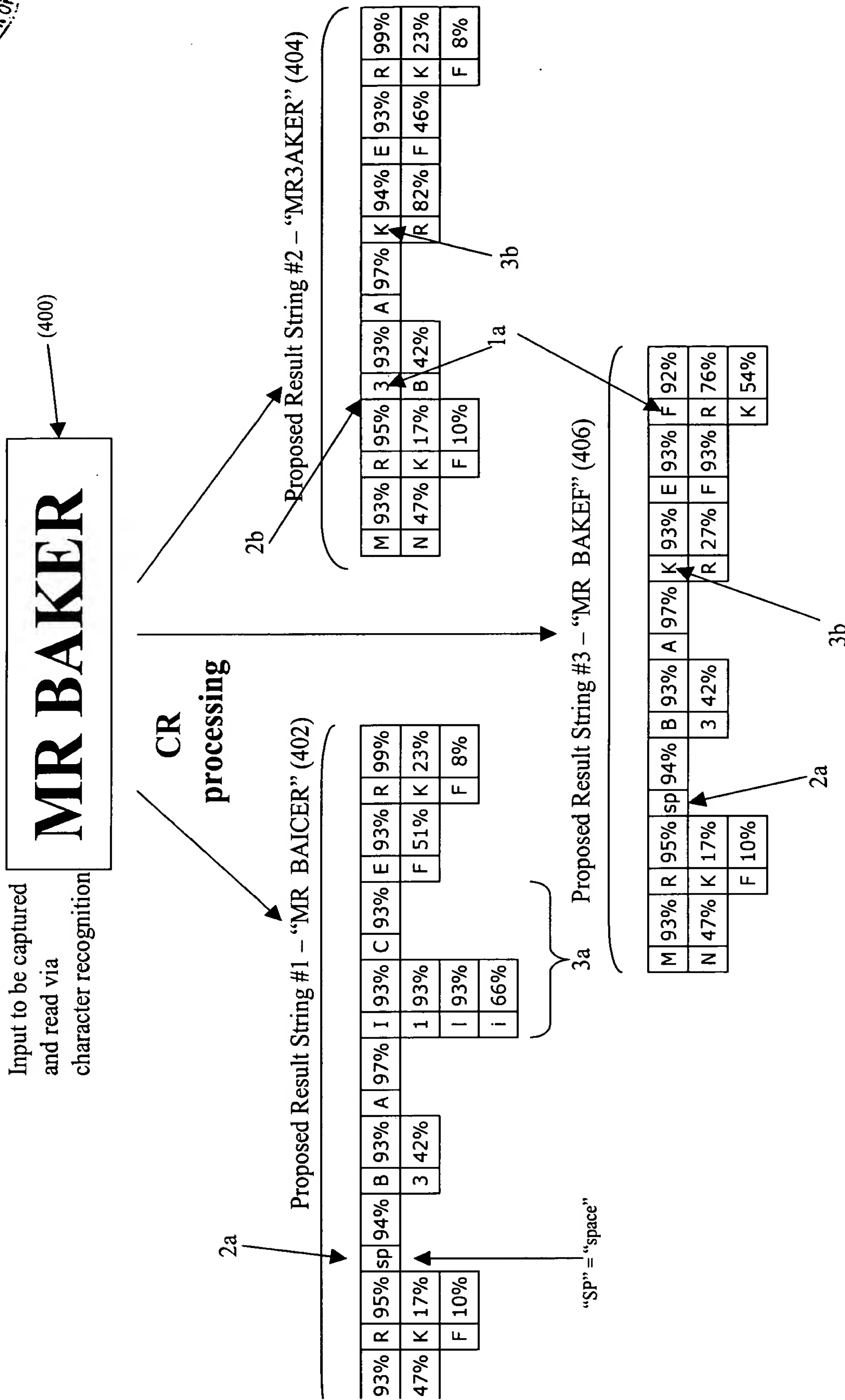| M | 93% | R | 95% | sp | 94% | B | 93% | A | 97% | K | 93% | E | 93% | F | 92% |
| N | 47% | K | 17% | | | 3 | 42% | | | R | 27% | F | 93% | R | 76% |
| | | F | 10% | | | | | | | | | | | K | 54% |

2a

3b

FIG. 4 – Demonstrating multiple results sets produced by multiple
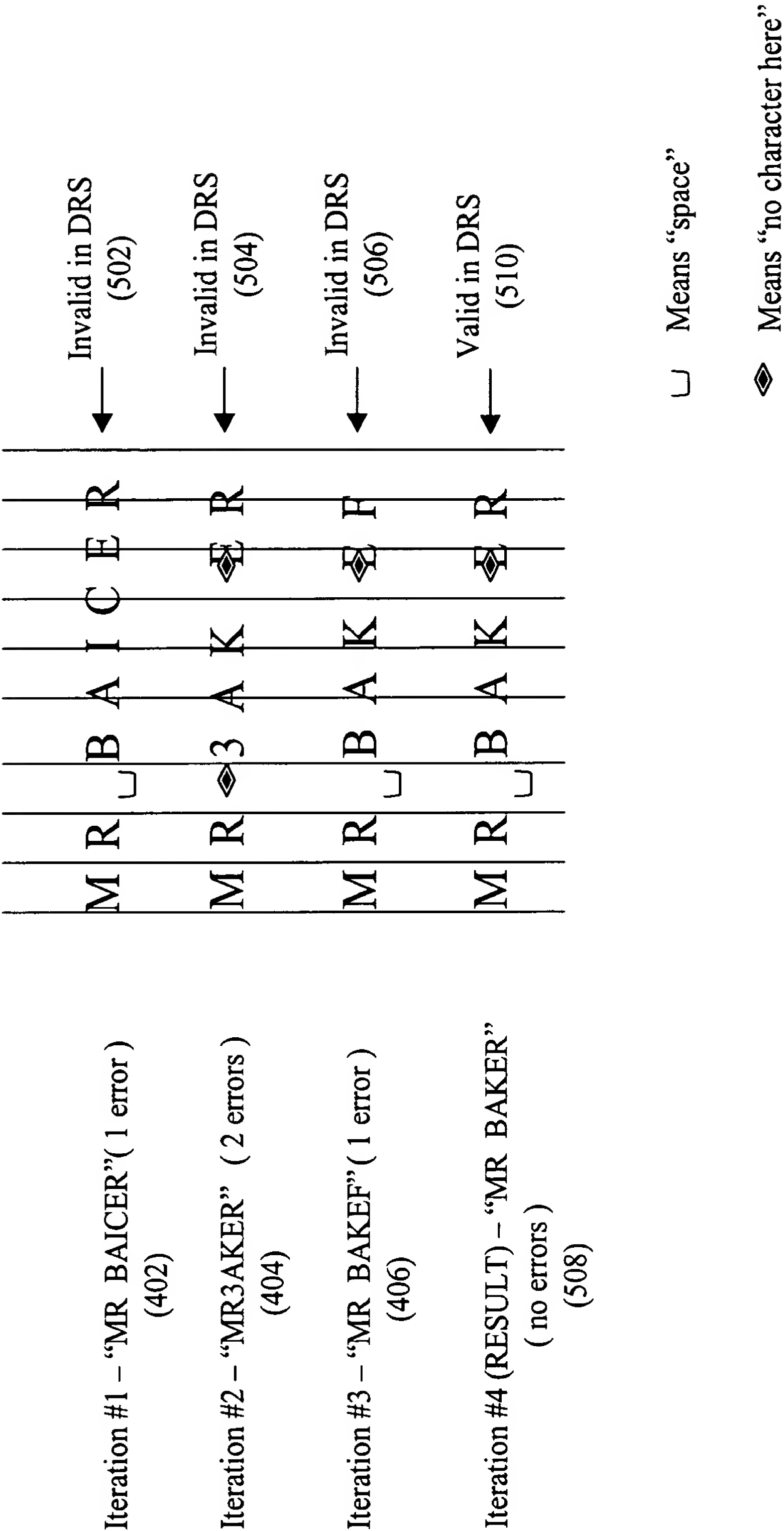iterations of a self-orthogonal character recognition engine

Iteration #1 – "MR⊔BAICER" (1 error)
(402)

Iteration #2 – "MR3AKER" (2 errors)
(404)

Iteration #3 – "MR⊔BAKEF" (1 error)
(406)

Iteration #4 (RESULT) – "MR⊔BAKER"
(no errors)
(508)

M	R	⊔	B	A	I	C	E	R	Invalid in DRS (502)
M	R	3	A	K	◊	◊	E	R	Invalid in DRS (504)
M	R	⊔	B	A	K	◊	E	F	Invalid in DRS (506)
M	R	⊔	B	A	K	◊	E	R	Valid in DRS (510)

⊔   Means "space"

◊   Means "no character here"

FIG. 5 – Demonstrating multiple iterations until a valid result string is achieved